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## NEWSNOTES

### Dix ID Card Facility announces Saturday hours

Need a new ID card but just can't squeeze out the time during the week? The Fort Dix ID Card Facility will host Saturday hours for issuing identification cards Nov. 1 and Dec. 6 in Building 5418 on the first floor.

Hours of operation will be 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For further information contact Geneva Sturdivant at (609)562-3373/2177.

### Flu shots, mist available Nov. 13

Flu shots and flu mist will be administered at the Occupational Health Clinic, Bldg. 5429 on Delaware Avenue, Thursday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Those seeking flu mist must be younger than 49 years and have no asthma, diabetes or egg allergies.

The mist and shots will be administered until the supply is depleted.

### Roger Williams University slates open house

The New Jersey Army National Guard is sponsoring an open house and information briefing Nov. 13 for Roger Williams University.

The event will offer information on distance learning, College Level Examination Program and reduced tuition rates for military, DA civilians and military spouses.

It is scheduled for Building 3650 Saylor's Pond Road, Main Conference Room, at 4 p.m. For more information and to reserve a seat, call 562-0975.

### Military Officers Association hosts dinner, info session

The Military Officers Association of America will host a dinner Nov. 20 at The Club on McGuire Air Force Base at 5:30 p.m.

Guest speaker for the event will be Linda Reith, co-chairperson of the National Guard State Family Readiness Council, who will speak on the Mission of the National Guard State Family Readiness Council.

For reservations, please call Ray Flavin, 856-424-3474, or John Perez, 609-758-2581 by noon Nov. 17. The donation is \$20.40 per person, and spouses are encouraged to attend.

## WEATHER

**FRIDAY --** Cloudy, morning rain, high of 66 degrees and overnight low of 51.

**SATURDAY --** Chance of light rain showers throughout day, high of 64 and low of 46 degrees.

**SUNDAY --** Clear, breezy and sunny in morning, cooler with a daytime high of 56 degrees and overnight low of 37.

**MONDAY --** Fair and continued cool, with a high of 54 and overnight low of 37 degrees.

**TUESDAY --** Chance of light showers, cooler with high of 44 degrees and low of 34.

**WEDNESDAY --** Morning rain, breezy with daytime high of 49 and low of 42 degrees.

**THURSDAY --** Warmer with evening rain showers, high of 61 and overnight low of 59 degrees.

# Presidential transition planned

## Lots of detail, few surprises on tap for new president elect's transition team

Jim Garamone  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON, Nov. 4, 2008 — The Defense Department has made extensive plans for a smooth transition from the present administration to that of the president-elect, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said here today.

Pentagon officials are ready to

begin briefing a new president-elect's transition team as soon as he's chosen, Whitman said.

The transition between administrations comes when the United States is at war, the first time this has happened since 1969, when the administration of President Lyndon B. Johnson transitioned to that of President Richard M. Nixon in the midst of the Vietnam War.

Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates has launched early preparations to minimize disruptions as the administrations change, Whitman said. Gates has created a transition task force that will operate under five guiding principles:

— Maintaining continuity of operations;

— Assuring efficient and effective transition of outgoing leadership;

— Assuring the efficient and effective in-processing of the incoming leaders;

— Facilitating the transfer of information to the new administration; and

— Sustaining focus on existing programs and processes while allowing the incoming administration to focus on its governing processes.

"One of the important components of this is ensuring that we've identified and highlighted some of the key department events, actions [and]

milestones that a new administration will face in its first 90 days," Whitman said.

These include normal yearly actions such as the submission of the DoD budget in early February to other events that a new administration must work on immediately.

"These are recurring or cyclic things that perhaps a new administration needs to be reminded of," Whitman said.

Gates also has taken an inventory of the political leadership of the Pentagon — roughly 250 people — to see who would be willing to stay on in their jobs if asked by the new administration.

## November designated Warrior Care Month

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) — Beginning this week, the Army and its sister services will focus attention to one of the Defense Department's highest priorities — caring for wounded, ill, and injured warriors.

As directed by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, November has been designated as "Warrior Care Month."

Each branch of the U.S. Armed Forces has events planned during the month to highlight warrior care.

Since reports nearly two years ago revealed Soldiers recovering from war wounds were living in a substandard facility at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., the Army has transformed the way it structures and provides military health care to wounded and ill Soldiers, said Brig. Gen. Gary H. Cheek, Assistant Surgeon General for Warrior Care and Transition.

"We have made great strides in garnering more support and more resources for our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers," Cheek said.

"Our key challenge is ensuring Soldiers and families are aware of the various programs and benefits we have to help them with the unique and personal issues each of them face."

The general said the month is more than a way for the Army and other services to show how far they have come in taking care of their own — the activities and events during Warrior Care Month also make the programs the Army offers more visible to Soldiers who might need them.

"Warrior Care Month is a way to highlight these programs across the Army so our wounded warriors and their families know what's being done on their behalf, and how to take advantage of them."

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Jennifer Chapko

## Dressed for Halloween

Jaydon Gavino, age 4, swings an emergency light stick given to him by his heroes, the Fort Dix firefighters, during trick or treat on Juniper Street in Garden Terrace Housing Oct. 31. For more photos of Halloween fun throughout the community, see page 12.

# Town Hall hits Joint Base questions

Carolee Nisbet  
Editor

What happens next?

That was the main question at the Fort Dix Town Hall Meeting Oct. 30 in Timmermann Center, as a scattered sampling of the community met for an update on Joint Basing.

Sandwiched neatly between community awards and a preview of upcoming recreational activities, the briefing included an accounting of the current status of the Joint Base process and answers to workforce questions that were promised at the August meeting.

"We're still finalizing the last bits of the Memorandum of Agreement," said Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander. "The original deadline was 30 September, and it's still not signed. And the MOA drives the personnel and funding, so we don't have all the answers yet."

Molly Libby, director of plans, analysis, integration and operations, provided some basic definitions and additional information for the crowd.

"The Air Force is the lead component under the Base Realignment and Closure Commission decision," she said, "and they are the supporting organization, and will be responsible

for installation support. The Army and the Navy, in this case Fort Dix and Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Station are the supporting components."

While there will still be tenant organizations on the joint base, the definition will be different — any military organizations previously treated as tenants will be classified as part of the supporting or supported component. Tenants will be non-Department of Defense organizations, DoD Agencies

The proposed Air Force Wing structure, which is analogous to an installation, will have two groups — mission support and medical. Falling under the group and squadrons, which are analogous to the Fort Dix directorates, flights, which equate to divisions and sections, which equal shops.

Also reviewed was the Army Support Activity Structure and mission. The U.S. Army Support Activity at Fort Dix will provide effective and efficient

working."

More than 95 percent of the full-time permanent employees will transfer under Joint Basing without losing jobs, Thaxton said.

"The change will be from green Army dollars to blue Air Force dollars."

Thaxton also noted that some jobs do not fall under the same organizations as they do for the Army.

For example, on Fort Dix, both police and fire fighters fall under the Directorate of Emergency Services. The Air Force, on the other hand, splits the firefighters out and under engineer control.

Under Joint Base guidance, 49 functional areas were considered. Two areas, small arms range management and history and museum functions, will remain Army.

Twelve functions are split, with some employees moving to the Joint Base and others remaining with ASA Fort Dix.

The remaining support organizations will move to the Joint Base. The three major organizations that will transfer are the Directorate of Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation, the Directorate of Public Works and the Directorate of Emergency Services.

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and Activities and the Army and Air National Guard. (The National Guard is not involved in the Joint Basing decision.)

Libby also ran through charts showing the structures of the organizations as they are now and how the Joint Base and the Army Support Activity Fort Dix may look when the process is finalized.

efficient mission support to Army organizations in order to enable training, mobilization, deployment and redeployment of reserve and Active Component Soldiers.

Col. Thaxton spoke to the audience about the future of the work force. "What you do will be the same," Thaxton said. "Nothing changes, so don't get hung up on where you are

## military heritage

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**BUFFALO SOLDIERS** — The "Buffalo Soldiers" were established by Congress as the first peacetime all-black regiments in the U.S. Army on Sept. 21, 1866 at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Native American tribes they fought gave the Buffalo Soldiers their name which was originally intended as a tribute to members of the U.S. 10th Cavalry Regiment.



file photo by Steve Snyder

**ANNUAL TRAINING** — Sgt. 1st Class Marion Hill sets up a practice grenade. Hill, who later worked for several years at Fort Dix's NBC school, was among many Soldiers from the 107th Garrison Support Unit (GSU) who spent their two-week Annual Training in the summer of 2001 supporting Stabilization Force (SFOR) 10's deployment to Bosnia by helping them process at Fort Dix.



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**DESPERATE BATTLE** — At 4 a.m. on Sept. 8, 1781 "2,092 poorly-equipped, underfed, and naked Americans" under the command of Gen. Nathaniel Greene, began the Battle of Eutaw Springs in South Carolina, bringing the numerically-superior British forces to their knees before fleeing back to Charleston. The British remained there until they were defeated at Yorktown. Greene was instrumental in several great American victories and was considered George Washington's top general. He was greatly assisted by a Polish engineer, Thaddeus Kosciuszko, a brilliant cavalry officer, "Light Horse Harry" Lee and the Swamp Fox himself, Francis Marion.



www.sixtyminth.net/people.html

**WILD BILL** — William Donovan was a Buffalo, N.Y. native who earned a Medal of Honor when he charged German lines during World War I as a battalion commander for the 165th Infantry Regiment, aka the Fighting 69th. He was the first director of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during World War II, the predecessor to today's Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). "Wild Bill" tackled everything with enthusiasm, especially his country's enemies.



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**AIR ACE** — Ted Williams was probably the best pure hitter baseball has ever seen, the last player to hit .400 during a season and also one of the game's great power hitters. Opposing players laughed and said Williams' eyesight was so good he could see the ball through the pitcher's glove or even the seams of fast balls speeding toward home plate. Williams might have set many more records had he not spent five years in the armed forces, three starting in 1942 in the Navy Reserve where he learned to fly in World War II and two during the Korean War when at the age of 33 he was called up to active duty, flying 39 combat missions, over half of them as John Glenn's wingman in F-9 Panther jets. And Ted really enjoyed flying, saying "It was the second best thing that I ever did. If I hadn't had baseball to go back to, I might have gone on as a Marine pilot." Williams died in 2002. His old comrade, John Glenn, praised him. "There was no one more dedicated to his country or prouder to serve his country than Ted Williams," Glenn said. For once, small boys' hero worship was justified.



AP photo by Bob Daugherty

**STORMIN' NORMAN** — Gen. H. Norman Schwarzkopf is at ease with his tank troops during Operation Desert Storm in Saudi Arabia, January 12, 1991. The son of a superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, Schwarzkopf was born and raised in Lawrenceville. His autobiography, "It Doesn't Take A Hero," was a best seller written after retiring from active service in August 1991, the general now lives in Florida and has served as a military analyst for NBC, most recently for Operation Iraqi Freedom.



file photo by Steve Snyder

**SOLDIER SKILLS** — Army Reserve and National Guard Soldiers have pretty well eclipsed their old reputation of being strictly "weekend warriors," what with the increasing dependence upon them to step into front lines in Iraq and Afghanistan. But even weekend warriors of the old school had to sweat their way through NBC (Nuclear, Biological and Chemical) drills, above, maintain peak physical condition and tackle a complex of Soldier Skills that were never easy.

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## Town Hall session hits Joint Base info

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The implementation plan for Initial Operating Capability, or IOC, is set to begin March 30, 2009, Thaxton said, because the MOA has not yet been signed and those involved believe the date will slide to the right from the initial January time frame.

"Many of you will continue to work in the same place, because there isn't space or communications for you to move," he added.

Questions asked by members of the workforce during previous Town Hall sessions were answered to the extent the information is available, he said.

The main question, of course, is "Will my job remain on Fort Dix?"

In answer to that query, Thaxton said that each directorate will have a meeting during the next couple of weeks to discuss in detail which positions are moving to the Joint Base and which are staying with the Army Support Activity Fort Dix.

The most uncertainty for personnel remains those employees who are Non-Appropriated Fund, due to differences in the way each service handles them.

Additional questions and responses were:

● Will there be a reduction in force for the U.S. Army Support Activity Fort Dix?

A RIF for employees is not anticipated. However, RIF retention criteria will be used to determine seniority for those who will go to the Joint Base and those who will remain with ASA Fort Dix.

● Will there be a RIF for the Joint Base?

The Joint Base implementation guidance is that employees will transfer in position and in grade. At 18 to 24 months after Full Operating Capability, the Joint Base commander will have the authority to reshape the workforce.

● Will the Voluntary Early Retirement Authority or Voluntary Separation Incentive Pay be offered?

No offer of VERA or VSIP is anticipated, since any reshaping of the workforce will be done by the Joint Base. NAF rules are different, and may not apply.

● Have the unions been involved?

Army unions have been provided continuing information. Formal notification, as well as all information now available, has been provided within the past two weeks.

● Will I have a job?

It is very likely that you will have a job, either at the ASA or the Joint Base.



Ed Mingin

**REGIONAL HONORS** — Linda Chominski, chief of engineering plans and services division, is presented with the IMCOM Stalwart Award for the Northeast Region by Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander, at the Town Hall Meeting Oct. 30 in Timmermann Center.

## Chominski captures Northeast Region's Stalwart Award

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

Leadership personified is not too strong a phrase for the nominees of the Installation Management Command's Stalwart Award for 2008.

Fort Dix nominee Linda Chominski, chief of engineering plans and services division, won the award for the Northeast Region and was presented with an Installation Management Command certificate at the Town Hall Meeting Oct. 30 by Col. Ronald Thaxton, installation commander.

Chominski had stiff competition for this prestigious award. Nominated by her peers for her exemplary management of more than \$56 million in projects at Fort Dix, Chominski said she was simply doing her job with the help of a great team.

"It's a hard-working crew of people," Chominski said of the entire engineering department and contracts management of Fort Dix. "I try to find a way to get a project executed. My philosophy is to try to work as a team and figure how to get things done. If there are issues, I figure out a solution to them and get them done."

Susan Alfred of the Plans Analysis and Integration office wrote this about Chominski when she was asked to help submit Chominski's nomination:

"I have found her to be the epitome of a 'Smart Thinker.' She constantly moves forward wearing many hats, such as Fort

Dix Installation Master Planner, Chief, ESPD or watchdog of the installation engineering dollars."

This description fits well with the requirements for the Stalwart Award. Chominski is a mechanical engineer with what she calls a logical and results-oriented personality.

"I am a solution-oriented person. That's how I operate. I rarely back away from a challenge. That's why I'm an engineer. I like to find solutions to a problem," Chominski said of herself.

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— Linda Chominski

One regulation for the Stalwart Award states that winners be persons with "vigor and strength in body, mind and spirit." Chominski more than meets that requirement.

"My approach to running the division is: I identify the work we need to get done, and if it means finding alternate ways of doing it, I do. I think it's the positive way I've encouraged the division," she said. "I try to get my folks to think about how to do things instead of looking at the negatives. Some people will find 18 negatives, but I use imagination in my approach."

Chominski said that Fort

Dix normally has \$6 million per year for major projects with an opportunity for funding other projects at the end of the fiscal year. In 2007, Chominski said that a significant effort was made to put a lot of efforts together for needed projects that had remained unfunded. Her office managed to obtain awards because, as she said, they found creative ways to package the information for getting the award.

"At the end of year 2007 we had about 20-30 major barracks HVAC projects to do as well as a whole bunch of smaller projects," Chominski said. "It was definitely a banner year. It was all obligated by the end of Sept. 2007 and then we figured out how to manage it."

The smaller projects totaled nearly 200 and with the larger projects cost more than \$50 million to oversee and finish. Chominski's leadership not only got the money for the projects, she was able to manage the projects to conclusion using existing employees.

"She is respected by her counterparts at Lakehurst NAES and McGuire AFB, as well as the future BRAC tenants she has been assisting the past several years," Alfred said.

"During the initial BRAC 2005 process," Alfred continued, "they constantly looked to her for her opinion and ideas. When the group came to a stalemate, Linda was not afraid to voice her opinion and stand by her decision."

Alfred said Chominski is the consummate professional and was a perfect candidate for the Stalwart Award.

## POLICE LOG

Police Log is a weekly synopsis of significant police activities developed from reports, complaints, incidents or information received and actions taken, for the week of Oct. 27 Through Nov. 2.

The abbreviation DoD stands for Department of Defense; NAFD means Not Affiliated with Fort Dix (the subject doesn't live or work here); NCIC stands for National Crime Information Center; DWI means Driving While Intoxicated; CDS means Controlled Drug Substance; POV means Privately Owned Vehicle; MAFB stands for McGuire Air Force Base; USAF EC stands for US Air Force Expeditionary Center; AHCC stands for Ambulatory Health Care Clinic (MAFB); VMHBC stands for Virtua Memorial Hospital of Burlington County; CP# stands for Checkpoint Number.

●Police responded to an attempted break-in of NAF property at Bldg. 5997. Investigation revealed person(s) unknown had attempted to break into the change machine and other property in the laundry room. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a traffic accident on First Street at Alabama Avenue. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, struck a parked and unoccupied vehicle.

There were no reported injuries. The subject was cited for failure to maintain lane and careless driving. The vehicles were released to the operators at the scene.

●While on routine patrol, police discovered a tree limb had fallen across utility lines along Texas Avenue, causing a transformer to spark.

The road was closed until the utility company completed repairs.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash at Range 59F. Investigation revealed a tactical vehicle, operated by a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, struck a tree. There were no reported injuries and the vehicle was released to the operator at the scene.

●While conducting a credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered the operator, a Soldier assigned to Fort Dix, had a revoked driver's license.

The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 5990. Investigation revealed no cause for the alarm.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash near Bldg. 3150. Investigation revealed an unknown vehicle had struck a parked and unoccupied vehicle and the driver then fled the scene.

●While conducting a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via the Main Gate, police discovered the operator, a NJARNG employee on Fort Dix, had a suspended driver's license. Further investigation revealed the subject had two warrants out of Trenton and one warrant out of Washington Township.

The subject was transported to the police station for processing, cited, and transferred to the custody of the Trenton Police Department. The vehicle was released to a licensed driver.

●While conducting a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP #9, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAFD, had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited and the vehicle released to a licensed driver.

●Police and Fire Department personnel responded to a fire alarm at Bldg. 6741. Investigation revealed contractors working in the building accidentally cut the alarm line. A work order was submitted.

●Police responded to an incident in the Garden Terrace housing area. Investigation revealed an occupant, an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, and his spouse were having a verbal altercation that escalated into violence.

Both subjects were arrested and transported to the police station for processing. The sponsor was released to his unit and the spouse was cited and released. Family Advocacy was notified and responded. Investigation continues.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Fort Dix Road. Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by an Airman assigned to McGuire AFB, was struck by a deer. The deer fled into the woods. The vehicle sustained disabling damage and was towed from the scene. There were no reported injuries.

●Police responded to a motor vehicle crash on Range Road at Cookstown Road.

Investigation revealed a vehicle, operated by a civilian NAFD, turned into the path of an oncoming car resulting in a collision. Both vehicles sustained disabling damage and were towed from the scene. There were no reported injuries.

●While conducting a routine credential check of a vehicle attempting to enter the installation via CP #9, police discovered the operator, a civilian NAFD, had outstanding warrants from Middletown Township and Neptune Townships. The townships were contacted and issued new court dates. The subject was escorted off post.

●There were no expired identification cards confiscated during the period.



# Louisiana guardsmen head for Iraq

Lisa Evans  
Public Affairs Staff

“Get down! Get down! Back off!” shouted Spc.

Christopher Dauenhauer repeatedly in Arabic. But a civilian reporter edging into the combat zone didn't understand Arabic, and didn't comply.

Dauenhauer repeatedly shouted the Arabic phrase, but

was finally forced to have the reporter physically removed from the area.

Dauenhauer and the rest of the 39th Military Police Company out of Minden, La. trained on Fort Dix's Military Operations in Urban Terrain

(MOUT) site known as Balad, Oct. 31.

Trainer Sgt. Eli Blagg of the 72nd Field Artillery Recruiting and Retention, Fort Dix, told Dauenhauer that he reacted correctly in removing the reporter from the field of fire. In the after-action review Blagg told the entire platoon it was excellent.

“You had to clear that whole building because you took fire,” Blagg told the Soldiers. “I wish I could come up with a negative.”

Pausing, he added, “I can come up with a negative. One of you passed that open doorway knowing it was a danger. But what would have happened if you stuck your head in?”

Shaking his head, he concluded, “You guys did a fantastic job.”

As they complete training before deploying to Iraq, the Soldiers of the 39th expect to hear accolades from the trainers and from each other.

This is a close knit group of Soldiers dedicated to each other and to their country, their commander, Capt. Calvin Foreman believes. Ask anyone of them. They all agree.

Staff Sgt. M.J. Booker is a civilian police officer in Bossier City, La. A member of the Louisiana National Guard for 17 years, a tour of duty to Iraq in 2004-2005 working with detainees, made Booker

realize he wanted to stay in law enforcement, prompting him to change his military specialty to military police.

Policing expertise is found throughout the company, Booker said, as many 39th Soldiers have civilian jobs in law enforcement. But Booker explained he has found his home with the Soldiers of the 39th.

“It's like home. It's family oriented. I love them to death and I can't think of anywhere else I want to be,” Booker said of the troops.

Saying he simply wanted to find adventure, Spc. Weston Merriott said, “I feel pretty confident in my team. We work well together and there is expertise spread out throughout our company.”

Merriott is a carpenter and has two-and-a-half years with the Louisiana National Guard.

Booker said the 39th was put together in a short time. “But we have some of the best Soldiers anywhere in the Army. I would go to fight with them anywhere and anytime.”

“The Soldiers like Merriott show extreme enthusiasm and are the embodiment of the warrior ethos and army values,” he explained.

Another Soldier, Sgt. Christina Prince of Morganza, La., is a Louisiana State Military Commissioned Police Officer with 12 years experi-

ence with the National Guard. She has been through both military and civilian law enforcement training and now is a Louisiana state employee as a military police officer at Camp Minden. She joined the National Guard after meeting Booker when she was a heavy equipment operations instructor at Camp Minden.

Prince simply said, “This is the best outcome you can get coming from a small town.”

In a briefing before the training exercise Oct. 31, Booker told his platoon,

“If there's someone in the doorway with an AK47 and he isn't representing a threat, leave him alone. If he represents a threat, he's going to get shot. Hooah?”

A resounding hooah from the platoon answered his question.

Booker's philosophy is fairly well summed up in that statement. Keep alert, recognize the situation, and respond correctly.

And know that you can rely on the people around you to take care of you no matter what.

*(Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles about the newly-formed Louisiana National Guard Unit, the 39th Military Police Company, and how they are training at Fort Dix to meet a challenging mission in Iraq.)*



Lisa Evans

**POLICING THE AREA** — Pfc. Stefan Broussard, left, and Spc. William Burgess guard an alley and the street during Military Operations in Urban Terrain at the Balad site on Fort Dix Oct. 31. The members of the 39th Military Police Company, Louisiana National Guard are preparing for a mission in Iraq.



# NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE CORNER

### Holiday Hours

#### Griffith Field house

Nov. 10 - 11 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

#### Club Dix

Nov. 11 Closed

#### Bowling Center

Nov. 10 - 11 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

#### Aquatics

Call (609)562-2808

Nov. 10 - 11 Open

#### Mulligan's

Nov. 10 - 11 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

#### Outdoor Rec.

Nov. 11 Closed

#### Arts and Crafts Center

Nov. 11 Closed

#### Rec. Center

Nov. 11 5 p.m. - 10 p.m.

#### Child and Youth Services

Nov. 11 Closed

#### BX/PX

Nov. 10 - 11 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.

#### Burger King

Nov. 10 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

Nov. 11 10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### Shoppette

Nov. 10 6 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Nov. 11 8 a.m. - 10 p.m.

#### Clothing Sales

Nov. 10 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Nov. 11 Closed

### Fort Dix Home School Group to meet

The Fort Dix Home School Group meets every Wednesday at the Fort Dix Youth Center from 10 a.m. to noon. Snacks and social time are from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., followed by sports, an arts and crafts or technology activity. Registration and activities are free. For more information call 562-6271.

### Patti Labelle tickets on sale now

Tickets are available now for Patti Labelle & Friends in concert at Timmermann Center, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and are available at Club Dix or at Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation Headquarters.

Call 562-2767 for more information.

### Thrift Shop offers holiday deals

The Fort Dix Thrift Shop has lots of gently used and new decorating and gift-giving items for the holidays, as well as everyday practical items. The array changes regularly. Now is also a great time to consign items to raise a little extra holiday cash.

November Thrift Shop hours are: Saturday, Nov. 1 and Nov. 15, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Wednesday, Nov. 5 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.; and every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with consignments taken those days from 10 a.m. to noon. The shop is located at 6501 Pennsylvania Avenue.

For more information call 723-2683.

### Donations sought for Thanksgiving baskets

The Fort Dix Main Chapel is seeking food donations for Thanksgiving baskets. Donations of canned goods, boxed potato mix, and stuffing can be dropped off at the Main Chapel during business hours, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Families wishing to receive a basket should call 562-5245 for application information.

### Newcomer's Orientation scheduled

Army Community Service (ACS) invites newly arrived personnel and their family members to attend the ACS Newcomers' Orientation Nov. 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the ACS building 5201 on Eighth Street at Maryland Avenue.

Come to find out what programs and services are available, ask questions and to get a sense of community.

A complimentary lunch at Club Dix and a mini-tour of Fort Dix and McGuire facilities follow the orientation.

Free child care is also provided through the Child and Youth Services Central Registry. For child care registration please call 562-4702. For more information regarding the orientation and to register please call Amada Espinoza or Patricia Toler at 562-2767.



Wayne Cook

**PLEDGE** — Students from the nearby New Jersey United Christian Academy's U.S. History 1 Class recite the Pledge of Allegiance and break it down word by word for those in attendance at the Veterans Day Assembly Nov. 3.

## Students pay tribute to vets

Wayne Cook  
Public Affairs Staff



Wayne Cook

**ARMY PRIDE** — Sgt. 1st Class Nicholas D'Alessandro, Mobilization Readiness Battalion, posts the Army colors during the Veterans Day Assembly held at the New Jersey United Christian Academy in Cream Ridge Nov. 3. The students took time out of their normal class schedules to pay tribute to veterans.

## Apollo Night crew comes to Club Dix

Jennifer M. McCarthy  
Public Affairs Staff

Got Talent? Know someone who does?

Want to spend an evening watching and deciding the fate of some of the area's best (and worst) acts? Then come to the Fort Dix Apollo Night Nov. 21 at Club Dix. The show starts at 8 p.m.

Fans of the popular television show, Showtime at the Apollo, will see some familiar faces at the Fort Dix version of the show. Apollo music director, Ray Chew, will appear, as will regular Showtime at the Apollo host, Capone.

Some acts previously featured on the television show, including Argentinean dance duo, the Lombard Twins and Bruck-Up, whose credits include appearing with Busta Rhymes and Wyclef, are also scheduled to appear at the Club Dix show.

But the highlight of the show will be the cavalcade of local talent. I.D. card holders and their guests are invited to show off what they can do, and compete to win a \$500 cash prize. Performers must be at least 18 years-old and provide their own accompaniment.

Acts should not exceed six minutes in length.

Anyone wishing to perform must register with Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) at 6043 Doughboy Loop by Nov. 19.

Just as on television, the winner of the Fort Dix show will be determined by the audience.

"This show is only as good as the crowd," said Bob Vogt, FMWR community recreation chief. "So come out and cheer, be loud, have a good time, decide who gets the hook."

The hook is brought out by the Sandman when the audience deems it is time for the performer to get off the stage before the end of his or her routine.

"The show is right before Thanks-

giving, it's good to get some turkeys up on stage," said Vogt.

While there will likely be a few acts that are pulled from the stage by the Sandman, there are some talented people at Fort Dix.

"We have seven contestants signed up. More people are calling, but right

now we have seven," said Vogt.

"This is a great opportunity to showcase some of the wonderful talent we have at Fort Dix," he said.

The winner of the show will not only win the \$500 cash prize, but will also get to open for Patti Labelle when she performs at the Timmer-

mann Center Dec. 2.

The winning act will be determined by the audience.

Tickets for the show will be available at the door. Tickets are \$10 each.

For more information about the show, or how to sign up to perform, call 562-6772 or 562-5881.



Jennifer Chupko

## Kids unleash creativity

**Trinity Bettner, 8, expresses her creativity Oct. 18 at the Fort Dix Arts and Crafts Center. Bettner was participating in a three-week pottery course, which covered hand-building and wheel-throwing techniques. For information about other classes available at Arts and Crafts, call (609)562-5691.**

# Staff college brings students to Dix

**Ryan Morton**  
Public Affairs Staff

More than two dozen Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) professionals from installations around the world toured Fort Dix as part of their professional development course work through the Army Management Staff College at Fort Belvoir, Va., Nov. 3 and 4.

This is the second time students sojournd to Dix, as the Staff College brought students to the installation last January.

"This course lets the DPTMS pros gain a broad understanding of what DPTMS does on a number of installations and it gives them a chance to network and interact with one another," said Ned Reader, professor of Installation Management at the Army Management Staff College, at Fort Belvoir, Va.

DPTMS officials are involved with many of the operations that run an installation such as training range operations, organizing congressional and dignitary visits, providing mobilization and demobilization for Soldiers, security

measures, and managing the police and fire stations.

The course lasts for two weeks and in their two days at Dix, the DPTMS pros saw many of the places vital to installation operations such as the Training Support Center; the Joint Readiness Center for mobilizing and demobilizing Soldiers; the Warrior Transition Unit for caring for our nation's wounded warriors; the N.J. National Guard's Joint Training and Training Development Center, where Soldiers are trained to fight wars with some of the most up-to-date technology; and the Contingency Operations Location, which houses Soldiers while they conduct pre-deployment training.

"Dix is our showcase. It shows these operations and features to us with the various DPTMS activities and it's within a reasonable commuting distance from Belvoir," said Reader.

The attendees of the course appeared to get a lot out of their Fort Dix experience.

"I was really impressed. Just to see how far we've come with the technology in terms of training our Soldiers is quite amazing," said Jeff Shuck, out of Fort Benning, Ga.



Ryan Morton

**SIMULATION** — Sgt. Bill Bishop, Joint Training and Training Development Center, explains how the Virtual Interactive Combat Environment training simulator works to Roger McGeorge, Nov. 4. McGeorge, from Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., is one of more than two dozen Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization, and Security (DPTMS) professionals from installations throughout the world who toured Dix Nov. 3 and 4, as part of their two-week DPTMS course at Fort Belvoir, Va.

## Chaplains pay visit to Dix community

**Wayne Cook**  
Public Affairs Staff

The Fort Dix chaplains can be seen all over the post, in just about any office, at one time or another. Their appearance in so many places can be attributed to a new angle on an old ministry — the Ministry of Presence.

The Ministry of Presence initially came into being as a tool to extend the chapel staff's reach into the community, especially to Soldiers training in the field and within the cantonment area as they prepared to go to war.

Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain, said, "As we move to the new Joint Base environment with its many transitions and changes, the Fort Dix chaplains are extending an intentional and active Ministry of Presence to the Fort Dix civilian workforce. Following each of the Town Hall meetings which guide our movement into the Joint Base environment, chaplains are visiting throughout the civilian work-



Wayne Cook

**HOUSE CALL** — Chap. (Col.) Larry Biederman, installation chaplain, dropped by Army Community Services to check in with Amada Espinoza and other civilian employees Nov. 3 as part of the chaplain service's Ministry of Presence.

force. We are visiting to get acquainted with individuals, to listen, to provide counsel and referral."

The Ministry of Presence provides the post populace with another avenue to deal with any uncertainty and stress.

If an individual may have been missed during a visit, or he or she just wants to talk to a chaplain, the door to the chapel, building 5240, is open during normal duty hours, and he or she can request a meeting with a chaplain or call the Main Post Chapel at 562-2020.

## Chaplains' Corner

**Chap. (Col.) Wayne Kirk**  
Deputy Installation Chaplain

"Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his face continually." Psalm 105:4

Recently, a dear friend of mine sent the following drawing of Jesus.

It is a nice rendering of our Lord and as you look closely at it, you will notice that the artist has carefully included scenes from the life of Jesus in the various features of his face.

One can see, for example, the crucifixion in his right temple area.

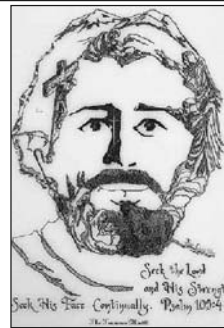
His birth can be seen in his beard under his mouth.

One can see him praying in the garden on the night when he was betrayed and clearly notice the angels in his left brow.

It causes us to consider that perhaps our faces may show more than simply the effects of aging and sun. Could it be that somehow we also reflect, in our countenance, our experience with Christ?

Do people see in our smile the love of Jesus? Do they detect in our gaze a confidence, even in the face of adversity and uncertainty, a hope and confidence, brought about through years of living within the grace and mercy of our living Lord?

Or do they denote in our visage an



absence of any experience with the risen Christ? Do they simply see nothing of Jesus in us?

Jesus said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father" (John 14: 9).

What about us? Do others see Christ in us?

## Johnson awarded citation



Jennifer McCarthy

**AWARD WINNER** — Sarah Johnson, director, Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation displays the Special Citation Award she received from the Armed Forces Recreation Society Oct. 13.

**Jennifer McCarthy**  
Public Affairs Staff

Fort Dix Family, Morale, Welfare and Recreation (FMWR) director, Sarah Johnson, received the Special Citation Award from the Armed Forces Recreation Society, Oct. 13, at a ceremony held in Baltimore.

The award is given to a civilian or military member, who is not necessarily a recreation professional but who represents significant contributions to the field of armed forces recreation in the area of leadership, public relations, pioneering or research.

A member of the FMWR staff nominated Johnson for the award because of the motivation and leadership she displays.

The award citation in part reads: "Johnson is seen at all special events and programs to support her staff, from providing moral support to busing tables; whatever it takes to get the job done!"

Johnson was quick to point out that she is not alone in her efforts or in her honors.

"It is a team effort and I've got a great team here," said Johnson of her staff.

This is the second honor Johnson has received this year. In August, she was awarded the Order of the White Plume, the Army's highest medal for achievement in support of FMWR.

"2008's been my year," said Johnson, "but it is not about the awards for me. I'm honored just to be nominated."

## Giving easier with AAFES catalog

Military shoppers can make re-gifting a thing of the past with the 2008 Holiday Electronics catalog.

Featuring HDTVs, Blu-ray Disc and DVD players, digital cameras, iPods, MP3 players, computers and much more, the 36-page catalog is a holiday shopping smorgasbord of affordably-priced electronics.

"This new All-Services catalog is a one-stop source for this season's latest and greatest electronics," said Chief Marketing Officer Mat Dromey. "With page after page of the hottest technology, military Families can plug in and power up with just a phone call or click of the mouse."

The 2008 Holiday Electronics Exchange catalog is available at all main stores and online at [www.aafes.com](http://www.aafes.com). Prices in this all-services catalog are valid through Jan. 1, 2009, for any authorized exchange customer.

Active duty military members of the Army, Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, as well as military retirees, reservists, National Guardsmen, Department of Defense civilians stationed overseas, exchange employees and their Family members are all authorized exchange privileges.

Toll-free orders can be placed from the United States, Puerto Rico or Guam at 800-527-2345.



# WARRIOR CARE

SETTING THE EXAMPLE IN MILITARY WELL-BEING

## Dix WTU helps Soldier tackle critical assignment

Jennifer Chupko  
Public Affairs Staff

Staff Sgt. Marjorie Jackson-Baptiste is working hard at Fort Dix, but her job is unusual: She is taking every step possible to recover from shoulder and wrist wounds she received while stationed in Iraq last year.

While at Fort Dix, she is assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit (WTU), which focuses on treating wounded Soldiers so they can return to duty.

"WTU is a good program for wounded Soldiers because it takes care of them and their injuries," said Jackson-Baptiste. "I am truly blessed that I didn't have more extensive injuries like losing a limb."

The WTU offers much more than medical oversight for Soldiers assigned there.

Fitted in around medical appointments are services ranging from family care to transition and education assistance, social services to include financial counseling, stress management, and Exceptional Family Member services, substance abuse information and referrals for

Soldiers and Family members, pastoral care, legal assistance and vehicle registration and issuing and renewing ID cards.

Jackson-Baptiste is awaiting another surgery on torn ligaments in her right wrist.

She has already had two surgeries to mend the wrist, injured during an explosion in a combat zone.

She is also receiving medical attention for her shoulder, which separated while she was lifting a 300-pound water pump in Mosul, Iraq.

"When I was overseas I didn't have any X-rays, so nobody knew the extent of either injury," said Jackson-Baptiste. "They stayed untreated for three weeks until I came back to the states."

Jackson-Baptiste has had two surgeries for her right shoulder, but is still unable to get full range of motion. Another surgery is scheduled, and she is going to physical therapy in the meantime.

"From the shoulder injuries, the doctors tell me that I am developing arthritis in my neck," said Jackson-Baptiste. "I hope that will subside after the next

surgery," she said.

The staff sergeant was mobilized in 2005, as part of the 445th Quartermaster Company out of Trenton after being transferred from the 1079th Garrison Support Unit.

She also served four years active duty while part of the New York National Guard.

"I enlisted when I was 31," she said. "Joining the military is a life decision that I wanted to make so I can give back to our country."

Prior to joining the military, Jackson-Baptiste was attending Medgar Evers College in Brooklyn, N.Y. She was pursuing an academic degree in Business Administration.

"I would like to go to nursing school now and the WTU program has a lot to do for that motivation," she said. "My family supports me and that goal."

Jackson-Baptiste is married and the mother of six, who range in age from 11 to 26.

"I am the only one in my family that is in the military," said Jackson-Baptiste. "But, the Army is an adventure I hope to be part of for as long as possible."



Jennifer Chupko

**ARMY STRONG -- Staff Sgt. Marjorie Jackson-Baptiste, 445th QM Co., now assigned to the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Dix to treat torn ligaments in her wrist and a separated right shoulder. She has served four tours of active duty.**

## Care survey date extended by DoD

American Forces Press Service - WASHINGTON, Nov. 4, 2008 -- As the Defense Department observes November as Warrior Care Month, officials have extended to Nov. 28 the deadline for wounded, ill and injured servicemembers and their families to respond to a survey designed to assess the programs and services they receive.

Dr. S. Ward Casscells, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, said the extension resulted from overwhelming response.

Two Military Health System questionnaires, one for servicemembers and another for their family members, solicit feedback about satisfaction with the care and services provided. All responses to the online surveys are anonymous.

The questionnaires are part of Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates' focus on providing the best care possible for wounded warriors and their families.

"I take the issue of wounded warriors personally," Gates told wounded warriors and families of wounded and fallen troops who attended last month's Wounded Warriors Family Summit.

"I will repeat here the pledge I made to myself, to Congress and to countless moms and dads, husbands and wives," Gates told the group. "Other than winning the wars we are in, my highest priority is providing the best possible care for those who are wounded in combat."

With that goal in mind, Gates directed Defense Department leaders to review all programs affecting wounded, ill or injured servicemembers and their families to identify best practices that can be more broadly applied.

Casscells noted that support for wounded warriors and their families has improved continually.

He encouraged wounded warriors and their families to respond to the survey to help Military Health System leaders get a clearer picture of where they stand in meeting their needs and expectations.

The questionnaires are posted at: [www.health.mil/Pages/Page.aspx?ID=18](http://www.health.mil/Pages/Page.aspx?ID=18).

Gates assured participants in the first Wounded Warriors Family Summit their concerns -- expressed directly or through the survey -- won't fall through the cracks with the upcoming change of administration.

He promised to "continue to press forward with a sense of urgency" to provide top-level care and support for wounded warriors in a way that lays groundwork for the next administration's leaders to build on.

As it presses forward, Gates said, his team will "do everything we can to set up the next leadership team for success" to ensure the work continues without interruption.

"As long as there are wounded warriors in our care, we must -- and we will -- continue to fulfill our obligation to them," he said.

## Focus on Warrior Care

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vantage of them," he said.

Cheek said Warrior Care Month is meant to provide a clear message to servicemembers and the public that caring for those who have sacrificed for America is one of the military's highest priorities.

The Army has unique activities planned throughout Warrior Care Month, which begins with the Department of Defense

kick-off event Nov. 5.

The Army's 36 Warrior Transition Units, in cooperation with Military Treatment Facilities and installations across the Army will be conducting a variety of events and activities to help educate the force on wounded warrior resources, and to thank local communities and elected officials for their support.

On Nov. 17, designated as

Army Service Day for warrior care, Secretary of the Army Pete Geren and the Army Surgeon General are scheduled to host a town hall meeting for Soldiers and families assigned to the Walter Reed Warrior Transition Unit.

Other events during the November observance include a visit by the Army chief of staff with Soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Nov. 2

and 11; Brooke Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, Nov. 19; and Bethesda National Naval Medical Center Nov. 29 and 30.

Besides visits by officials to major military medical facilities, caregivers and recovering Soldiers alike will speak at various public venues about the state of care of wounded and ill Soldiers during Operation Tribute to Freedom events.

## military matters

# Field Artillery names NCO, Soldier of Quarter

**Sgt. Nicole Dykstra**  
72nd Field Artillery Brigade  
Public Affairs Office

Two Soldiers from 2-309th Training Support Battalion were selected as the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade's Non-Commissioned Officer and Soldier of the Quarter (first quarter, FY 09) Oct. 24.

Sgt. Donald C. Davis, a National Guard Soldier from Silver Spring, Md., was named 72nd FA Brigade NCO of the Quarter and Cpl. Ricky W. Wilson, a National Guard Soldier from San Diego, Calif., was selected as Soldier of the Quarter.

Both Soldiers work at Range 86, instructing deploying service members in Counter-IED and Individual Movement Technique (IMT). Davis focuses on the dismounted portion of the range while Wilson, who previously worked on the Opposing Force (OPFOR) team, instructs in the mounted portion of Range 86.

"These Soldiers were selected because of their professionalism and for consistently training at a level grades above their ranks," said Sgt. Maj. Ronald Klug, 2-309th sergeant major.

"Sgt. Davis hasn't been here very long, but right from the beginning, he stepped out in front and took charge of the training," said Klug. "And Cpl. Wilson adapted very quickly after leaving OPFOR and coming to Range 86. They are both continuously receiving high praise for their training skills."

**"The most difficult part of the board was the memorization involved," said Wilson. "There is just so much information to look at."**

The purpose of the NCO and Soldier of the Quarter boards is to recognize and award excellence, strengthen morale and build esprit de corps.

"All the Soldiers who participated are model Soldiers and it's great practice for future boards," said Command Sgt. Maj. Louis D. Tinsley, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade command sergeant major. Tinsley was a non-voting member of the board, only casting his vote in the event of a tie.

The NCO and Soldier of the Quarter board judged the Soldiers in a number of areas, in-

cluding basic Soldier tasks, uniform and appearance, familiarization of Army regulations, and knowledge of current affairs.

"The first part is a skill level one assessment. This could be anything from identifying terrain features on a map, locating grid coordinates, or performing a functions check on an M16A2," said Tinsley.

Soldiers were then quizzed on information from Army regulations, field manuals, and existing policies.

"There were questions from AR's and FM's that we don't normally use, like the one for Field Sanitation. You have to study things less commonly used, because those AR's are a killer," said Davis.

Finally, board members asked the Soldiers about their short term and long term personal and professional goals.

Throughout the entire evaluation, board members judged the Soldiers' appearance and level of professionalism.

"The most difficult part of the board was the memorization involved," said Wilson. "There is just so much information to



Sgt. Nicole Dykstra, 72nd Field Artillery Brigade, Public Affairs Office  
**TOP SOLDIERS** — Cpl. Ricky Wilson and Sgt. Donald Davis were named Soldier and Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter for the 72nd Field Artillery Brigade on Oct. 24.

Davis credits mock boards, held with members of his unit before the actual NCO of the Quarter board, as an important preparation tool. It helped him build confidence and answer effectively. Davis and Wilson

also worked to help each other remember different Army regulation and field manuals.

"We have different study habits, but we spent some time studying together to get ready for the boards. We defiantly wanted to help each other get ready as much as we could,"

said Davis. In the future, Davis hopes to attend the Warrant Officer Candidate School and become a pilot. Wilson is looking forward to starting a graphic arts and design business and furthering his education.

## Air Force's newest mobile air shelter set for training

**Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol**  
U.S. Air Force  
Expeditionary Center  
Public Affairs

(November 3, 2008) FORT DIX, N.J. — The newest model of deployable, mobile command posts is on the lot leaving the older model looking like a relic of deployments past. Sitting behind the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center's main building here, the Hard-sided Expandable Lightweight Air Mobile Shelter, or HELAMS, is set up and ready for business.

Eventually replacing the Mobile Air Reporting Communications, or MARC, shelter, the HELAMS is at the center for training Airmen in the Mobility Operations School's Mobile Command, Control and Communications (C3) Systems Course.

"We will train students on both the MARC and HELAMS under one course until the MARCs are phased out," said Tech. Sgt. Don Colbert, Mobile C3 Systems Course director. "The HELAMS is used to make students familiar with set up and operations specific to the new shelter. The old advanced course was three weeks long. Now, the new Mobile C3 Systems Course will be four weeks long to cover all the new material."

Staff Sgt. Joshua Sager, Mobile C3 Systems Course instructor, said the HELAMS is highly mobile and quick to set up. It's a rugged container that provides a reliable, environmentally controlled area to work and has a design that provides reliable, weather-resistant storage and an air transport capability for installed equipment, supplies and auxiliary equipment that is shipped in the shelter and then removed for use during setup and operation.

"By replacing the MARC, which was put into service in the mid 1980s, the HELAMS provides for more work space and a new high frequency radio system that requires less power to operate and much quieter than previous system," Sergeant Sager said. "It also offers a significant weight reduction — it's 2,500 pounds lighter than the MARC. Additionally, the HELAMS has a smaller load footprint when transported — a full pallet position smaller, and has an easier to deploy wheel set for ground transportation."

As the MARC did, the HELAMS provides a portable command post for contingency response forces.

"The CRG commander is allocated more workspace than the MARC to monitor operations," Sergeant Colbert said. "The HELAMS also provides a secure setting for classified briefs, communications security and operations security. It is climate controlled to increase reliability of communications systems."

Sergeant Colbert said he's



Tech. Sgt. Scott T. Sturkol

**TECHNOLOGY TRIUMPHANT** — Air Force Tech. Sgt. Don Colbert, course director for the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center's Mobile Command, Control and Communications Systems Course, works on adjusting an antenna on the Hard-sided Expandable Lightweight Air Mobile Shelter or HELAMS, which is to be used for training Airmen in the course.

happy to have the latest technology available for students and it should pay big dividends for the Air Force.

"Our HELAMS unit will provide the latest hands-on training required to help Airmen be ready to deploy with the shelter," Sergeant Colbert said. "The new shelter is a bonus for us to have for training and also in the long run, it will provide mobility forces the best equip-



U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Roy Santana

**WILD BLUE YONDER**  
U.S. and Chilean paratrooper airmen jump from the back of a C-17 Globemaster III near Iquique, Chile as part of Operation Southern Partner on Oct. 29. The operation is an in-depth, two-week subject matter exchange emphasizing cooperation and sharing information with friendly air forces.

## Soldiers learn electronic warfare skills in Baghdad

**Army Sgt. Jeremy Todd**  
Special to American  
Forces Press Service

**FORWARD OPERATING BASE RUSTAMIYAH, Iraq, Nov. 5, 2008** — Selected Soldiers assigned to the 10th Mountain Division 4th Brigade Combat Team and Multinational Division Baghdad received electronic warfare training here.

Electronic warfare applies the radio frequency spectrum to defeat an enemy and save lives on the battlefield. Improved explosive devices are the biggest threat to coalition and Iraqi forces, and defeating that threat is the biggest concern for leaders, explained Navy Lt. Christopher Winters, the 4th Infantry Division electronic warfare training officer from Waterville, Maine.

Though military electronic warfare specialists are in the Air Force or the Navy, the Army soon will offer the career field to soldiers.

"This is something the Army needs to be concerned about, said Air Force Maj. Jason Eckberg, an electronic warfare officer for Multinational Division Baghdad, who hails from Las Vegas.

The Army will add electronic warfare specialist to its collection of military occupational specialties in 2010, he said, adding that the Soldiers attending the here will be among the first to attain the new MOS.

"This job offers the soldiers a sense of pride; it is a very important to them," Eckberg said. The most important factor of this job is the care and maintenance of the equipment. The components of the counter-IED systems are ex-



Sgt. Jeremy Todd

**FINE TUNING** — Army Sgt. Nicholas Hoffert applies the final additions to an antenna system during an electronic warfare class at Forward Operating Base Rustamiyah, Iraq, on Oct. 29.

remely intricate and must be cared for by trained personnel.

Eckberg said training soldiers at the lowest possible level ensures mission stability and offers leaders the capability to assign the responsibility to the company level.

Civilian technicians and military officers conducted the electronic warfare workshop here, which entailed 40 hours of hands-on training. Fourteen soldiers from throughout Multinational Division Baghdad attended the class. The 18th Military Police Brigade, based

out of Sandhofen, Germany, sponsored the training.

"I am extremely excited to learn a new skill — especially one that will save Soldiers lives," said Army Sgt. Nicholas Hoffert, a Bismarck, N.D., native assigned to 191st Military Police Battalion.

"This skill will save time on the battlefield as well," he said. "We will no longer have to wait in line to fix a fault in the system. We will be the on-site technician for most problematic issues that may arise."

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# Army helps its Soldiers 'smoke-out'

The Quit Tobacco—Make Everyone Proud program can help Soldiers quit tobacco.

Forty-nine percent of male Soldiers aged 18 to 25 smoke and 25.6 percent of 18- to 24-year-old male Soldiers dip. Of male soldiers aged 18 to 25, 25.1 percent start smoking and 22.9 percent start using smokeless tobacco after joining the service.

And once you start using tobacco, it's hard to quit. Very few people quit tobacco the first time they try. On average, it takes 8 to 11 attempts to quit successfully.

But now there is help for soldiers who want to quit using tobacco.

If you are serious about wanting to quit, the Quit Tobacco—Make Everyone Proud Web site ([www.ucan-quit2.org](http://www.ucan-quit2.org)) is loaded with great information and interactive support features to help you get ready to quit tobacco for good.

On the Web site, users can develop a personalized quit plan, get information, listen to podcasts, connect to Federal, military, State, local, and online cessation programs, and find diversion tactics such as playing games. Additionally, you can communicate privately with a trained cessation counselor via instant messenger, 7 days a week, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Support is just a click away. The online help locator is designed to help you find local resources for cessation programs. You can even search by type of installation or State.

Our multimedia section contains a variety of high-tech

features such as podcasts, RSS feeds, e-cards, radio ads, testimonials, and posters. Choose what's right for you. There is something for everyone!

No matter how long you have used tobacco, the benefits of quitting begin just minutes after you stomp out your last cigarette or spit out that dip or chew.

Giving up tobacco is a tough process. But with a clear plan and some practice you can quit.

Are you up for the challenge? Set your quit date and stop using tobacco.

You can feel proud of yourself for doing something that's good for you, for your loved ones, and for your country. Quit Tobacco—Make Everyone Proud! Make the commitment today.



Photos by Ryan Morton

**TARNISHED** -- A pair of pig's lungs used to contrast a pair of healthy, smoke-free lungs on the left, with a pair exposed to tobacco by-products on the right, illustrates the effects smoking has on human lungs.

## Troops in Iraq 'Naturalized'

**Spc. Christopher M. Gaylord**  
American Forces Press Service

**BAGHDAD, Nov. 4, 2008** — On a day when Americans exercised their right to vote, 186 servicemembers deployed across Iraq became U.S. citizens today at Al Faw Palace on Camp Victory here.

Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, commander of Multinational Force Iraq, presided over the ceremony. He expressed his appreciation for each new citizen and expounded on the significance of the step they had taken.

"Diverse as your backgrounds may be, you all now have one thing in common: you are all Americans," Odierno said. "You represent the very best of all that our nation stands for: freedom, opportunity, equality and service."

The ceremony was the 12th of its kind to be held in Iraq, but for many troops, it took on

special meaning, as it occurred on Election Day for U.S. citizens. The newly naturalized servicemembers — from 60 different countries — had earned the right to vote for their new leaders.

"I'm excited to be able to vote," said Army Spc. Ruth McKoy, a supply specialist with 62nd Quartermaster Company, 553 Sustainment Brigade. "If something good comes out of a future election, I can say I had something to do with that. It's like my voice is being heard now."

McKoy, born in Jamaica, joined the Army in December 2002 and has since aspired to become an American citizen. After one unsuccessful application in Germany, she said, she decided to apply for citizenship a second time from Fort Hood, Texas, and finally achieved her goal.

Spc. Rasha Hennessy, a linguist with 1st Higher Headquarters Battery, 1st Battalion, 206th Field Artillery, 39th Infantry Brigade Combat

Team, was born in Baghdad, just miles from where she took her oath of U.S. citizenship.

"Honestly, I can't even think of how blessed I am to have this privilege," Hennessy said. "It's a great thing."

She said she is ecstatic to attain her citizenship on such an important day for the United States, and she compared the freedoms she will have as a U.S. citizen to those under Saddam Hussein's regime years ago in Iraq.

"It's a really good opportunity to be able to vote freely and not live in fear," Hennessy said.

Though the 186 servicemembers are new U.S. citizens, many said they've always felt the unity all Americans feel when serving in the military, and realize every servicemember is fighting for a common goal.

"We all play a big part in what's going on over here," McKoy said. "We're doing everything we can to help Iraq gain its democracy."

**PROUD AMERICAN** — Spc. Jose Aguirre-Delgado receives an American flag from Lori Pietropaoli, deputy director, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Nov. 4, 2008, during a U.S. citizenship ceremony at Al Faw Palace on Camp Victory, Iraq. Aguirre-Delgado was joined by 186 Soldiers from across Iraq in becoming U.S. citizens during the naturalization ceremony held at Al Faw Palace at Camp Victory.

photo by Spc. Christopher M. Gaylord

## Chapel seeks shoebox gifts

Fort Dix Chapel congregations, in conjunction with Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham Ministry, are soliciting the help of the community to provide gifts to children around the world who are living in impoverished nations.

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry to bring joy and hope to children who normally have little of both. Volunteers are asked to use a shoebox or similar sized plastic container and fill it with a variety of gifts for a child. Gifts can include things like toys, school supplies, hygiene items, candy, hair clips, flashlights, and lots of other things. Interested individuals should contact the Main Chapel staff to request a brochure that will give background and guidance on what to put in the gift and what is not allowed. Gifts are categorized by gender and age group.

All donated gifts must be delivered to the Main Chapel by Nov. 19 where they will be added to the complete shipment of gifts and sent out to children awaiting that special something.

Any questions regarding this program can be directed to Thuan Donski of the Protestant congregation, Hilde Dreyer of the Catholic congregation, or Chap. (Maj.) Allen Raub of the Gospel congregation by calling 562-2020 or stopping by the Main Chapel.



### NCOA HOLIDAY DRIVE

To benefit Soldiers and their families  
during the Holiday Season!

Donations of toys and gift cards can be  
dropped off at Bldg 5518  
In-processing Hall.

Donations will be distributed  
to those in need by the Fort Dix  
Army Community Services (ACS)



# Announcements

## Cinema Schedule

754-5139

### McGuire Air Force Base

## Theater is closed for renovations

## United Communities

### Upcoming Events:

**Calling All Football Fans**  
Sign Up for Our John Madden X-BOX Tournament for a chance to win an X-Box 360. For more information, visit the website at [www.mcguiredixuc.com](http://www.mcguiredixuc.com) or call the Leasing Office at (609) 723-4290.

**Photo Contest**  
Get your cameras ready! UC will be hosting a photo contest. United Communities is looking for the best photos of the housing area. Winner receives a \$50 AMEX giftcard, second place receives a \$25 AMEX giftcard. The photos will be displayed on the UC website. Photos are due to the UC leasing office by January 12, 2009. For more information, contact the UC Leasing Office at (609) 723-4290.

**Thanksgiving Craft Night**  
Sunday, November 19  
4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Join us at the UC Leasing Office for a Thanksgiving Craft Night. All ages are welcome to attend. Call (609) 723-4290 or stop by the leasing office for more details. Deadline to sign up is November 17.

## Residential Refuse Collection

All new housing areas on McGuire AFB and Fort Dix will be required to take their trash to designated Trash Compactor areas.

## Monday and Tuesday

Green waste

### Tuesday

All of Fort Dix including quarters:  
201, 502, 1900  
McGuire AFB  
3800 and 3900

### Wednesday

McGuire AFB - 4000s  
Except 4013 - 4027  
McGuire AFB - 4200s  
Except 4252 - 4260

### Friday

McGuire AFB - 4013-4027;  
4252-4260; 4300s  
4400s and 4500s

\*Bulk trash is picked up on regular trash day. There are also trash compactors located on the property for bulk items.  
\*It is very important to only put trash out on scheduled days. This helps keep neighborhoods clean.

## Recycling picked up every other Thursday

### Schedule for 2008:

November 6 and 20  
December 4 and 18  
January 2, 15 and 29  
February 12 and 26  
March 12 and 26  
April 9 and 23  
May 7 and 21  
June 4 and 18  
July 2, 16 and 30  
August 13 and 21  
September 10 and 24

\*It is very important that only cans, glass bottles, and plastics are put in yellow/blue recycling bins.

\*Cardboard and paper must be bundled or placed in a low lying container such as a laundry basket or milk crate.

## Chapel Services

562-2020

### Sunday Services

Protestant  
9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Catholic  
10:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

Gospel  
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sunday School  
10 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

CCD  
9:15 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Chapel 5 - Bldg. 5950  
Church Street

General Protestant Service  
6:30 p.m.

Camp Victory  
Chaplain's tent

Hour of Power Protestant  
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Catholic  
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Mormon  
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

Jewish  
8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

## Religious Services

### Islamic Prayer Room

Open 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
Monday through Friday  
Room 24

### Christian Men of the Chapel

Prayer Breakfast -  
Fourth Saturday of each  
month  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### Christian Women of the Chapel

Meets every Tuesday  
9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
at the Chapel and the  
4th Tuesday at  
Buttwood Hospital.

### Holiday Services

#### Schedule

Protestant Thanksgiving  
Eve Service - 7 p.m.

Gospel Youth Christmas  
Pageant - December 13  
5 p.m.

Christmas Concert  
December 19, 5:30 p.m.

Christmas Eve Catholic  
Children's Mass, 5 p.m.

Christmas Eve Protestant  
Candle Light Service, 7 p.m.

Christmas Day  
Catholic Mass - 10:15 a.m.

New Year's Eve  
Catholic Mass - 6 p.m.

## ACS

562-2767

Bldg. 5201 Maryland Avenue

### Calendar of Events

Wednesday, Nov. 12

How Military Families can  
Save for College  
5 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
ACS

Thursday, Nov. 13

AFTB IT Training  
8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.  
ACS

Friday, Nov. 14

AFTB IT Training  
8 a.m. to noon  
ACS

Love and Logic: Parent Training  
for Parents of School  
Aged Children (5-12) Part 2  
9 a.m. to 11 a.m.  
ACS

### SKIES Unlimited

Ballet

Wednesdays

3-5 years

3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

4 and up

4:30 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

\$45 Fee

Child Development Center

Martial Arts

Wednesday & Friday

7-18 years

7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

\$57 Fee

Youth Center

Gymnastics

2-3 year olds - 30 min. classes

\$40 per month

4-6 year olds - 45 min. classes

\$45 per month

Child Development Center

Piano Lessons

Fee \$20 for 1/2 hour

### Fountain Green

#### Golf Course

FGGC News and Events

Hours of Operations

7 a.m. to dusk

(time changes daily)

Mulligans Grill and 19

Hole Bar will close for the

season November 30, 2008

Winter Hours Starting

December 1 -

7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### 2008 Veterans Day

Tournament

Tuesday, November 11

11 a.m. Shotgun Start

\$26 entry fee (\$36 for guests)

ID Card holders / guests only

## Fort Dix STAR Program

### Suspected Terrorist Activity Reporting (STAR)

Countering terrorism requires the help of everyone in the community. Only you know who or what belongs - or doesn't belong in your building, neighborhood, or work area. The simple act of recognizing suspicious behavior and reporting it to the authorities could prevent terrorist acts and save lives. Become a STAR - please help Fort Dix by being alert and reporting any of the following:

**Surveillance:** Someone recording or monitoring activities using cameras, note taking, drawing diagrams, creating maps, using binoculars or other vision-enhancing devices. An element of this activity could also include mapping out routes and determining the timing of traffic lights and flow.

**Security:** Any attempt to measure reaction times and action by security forces. A test of security can be disguised as a simple mistake such as a vehicle approaching a security barrier and then turning around or an attempt to circumvent access control procedures to assess strengths and weaknesses of the security forces and equipment.

**Acquiring Supplies:** Purchasing or stealing police and military uniforms, emergency responder type vehicles (such as police cars and ambulances), installation access passes and other government identification or the equipment to manufacture them.

**Dry Run or Practice:** People or vehicles appear to have been purposely placed in a particular position or area. This is especially true when planning a kidnapping, but also pertains to bombings.

**Actual Deployment of People and Assets:** People and supplies getting into position to conduct an attack. This is the last chance to alert authorities before an attack occurs.

**Suspicious Persons Out of Place:** People who don't seem to belong or fit in the surrounding environment, especially if involved in any of the above listed activities.

Report any of the above to:

Fort Dix Police (609) 562-6001 / 6002

Fort Dix Antiterrorism Officer (609) 562-2153 / 2417

## Youth Center

562-5061

Bldg. 1279 Locust Street

### Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday

2 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday

1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday CLOSED

### Administrative Hours:

Tuesday - Friday

Noon to 6 p.m.

### Weekly Schedule

Monday - Friday

Power Hour

2:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Computer Lab

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Saturday

Nov. 8

DDR Tournament

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Monday

Triple Play

3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Tuesday

Closed Veteran's Day

Wednesday

Fashion Design

3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Shutterbugs

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Thursday

Cosmetology

3:45 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Friday

Teens & Hot Topics

5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday

Nov. 15

Volleyball Tournament

4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### Griffith Field House

Bldg. 6053 562-4888

November 18 & 19

CrossFit Certification

visit [www.crossfit.com](http://www.crossfit.com)

for more information

### Monday, Wednesday, Friday

Combat Fitness Challenge

Military Only

6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.

Monday

Mind & Body Yoga

Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Total Toning

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Gut Buster!

6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Tuesday

Retirees in Motion

9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Spin-It!

Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Intro to Fitness

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday

Turbo Kick

Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Circuit Training

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Thursday

Kick Boxing Interval

Noon to 12:45 p.m.

Pilates Fusion

5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m.

Turbo Kick

6:15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Friday

Spin-It!

Noon to 12:45 p.m.

## Arts & Crafts

Bldg. 6039 562-5691

### Registration Hours:

Tuesday

9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Wednesday & Thursday

Noon to 5 p.m. and

6 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Friday

11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Saturday

9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Military Family

Month Specials -

From November 1 - 29

In honor of our military families, we are offering

20 percent off framing of family and military portraits

(presentation items not included), and 20 percent off all

ceramic and mosaic items, plus critters and outfits.

Adult Introductory

Painting Course -

Nov. 6 - Dec. 18,

Thursdays

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

(6-week course)

\$30 registration fee, plus materials

Build on techniques learned in

Introductory Drawing or discover all new painting skills.

The course will cover various

paint media including acrylic and watercolor paints. Come

join us for a "colorful" and fun experience!

Santa's Workshop -

November 8

The holidays are coming

quick, and it's time to get

busy! Set aside a day for card

making, ceramic ornament

painting, and learn some new

quilting techniques in "Quilts

for Kids". Bring in your digital

image and get 20 percent

off any holiday cards you

make with the Sony Picture

Station. Bring a friend or the

whole family for a fun-filled

day.

Card making workshop

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Ornament painting

workshop, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Quilts for Kids

11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

November Gallery





# Community celebrates fall classic



photos by Jennifer Chupko



**MONSTER MASH --** The Fort Dix Fire Company hands out glow stick necklaces and bracelets to the children looking for tricks or treats on Halloween on the streets of the housing area. Capt. Brad Ponto, was not asking Riley the Labrador to do any doggie tricks in his pumpkin costume for a glow stick collar, top right. Firefighter Jimmy McDonough, prepares Nainoa Demotta, 4, for his self proclaimed "dream job" as a fireman, top left. Emma Schaub, 2, is a busy bee collecting her candy and doing it with a smile, left. Capt. Bruce Flynn gave glow necklaces and bracelets with the rest of the fire department. Parents, children and K9s had a spooky fun Halloween night!



**SPOOKTACULAR --** The Swavely family, 1st Lt. Allyn and Renee with daughters Phoebe, 11, and Daphne, 6, above, won first place in the United Communities costume contest Oct. 31. While Eliza Blackwell, above left, was fifth place as Raggedy Anne. Jacob Matheny, 11, dressed as a mummy, is wrapped up for Halloween, left. Javon Rupperecht, 5, won third place as an Oompa Loompa. All winners were \$15 American Express gift cards.

courtesy photos

**GROUP OF GHOULS --** The Joint Personal Property Shipping Office got into the Halloween holiday spirit by wearing their costumes to work, below. Left to right, Sr. A. Charles Bolton, Betty Johnson, Staff Sgt. Ronald Gomez, Tiffany Brotherton, Tanya Falcon, Charlene Hayward, Roxie Lee and Patricia W. Dill.



photo by Cynthia Jones



**DRESS TO IMPRESS --** Krista Logan, left and Amber Stadler, right, United Communities information coordinators, hold 8-month-old Aurora Jean, daughter of Airman Craig Mitchell, who is dressed as a penguin at the community leasing office Halloween costume contest.